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FOR

Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

902/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a committee has been appointed or a programme has been arranged to grant relief to employees of the National Housing Development Authority who were subjected to political victimization;
 - (ii) if so, whether the appointment of such a committee or the arrangement of such a programme was done under a Cabinet approval, and if so, the date on which approval was received; and
 - (iii) of the time period taken into consideration when granting relief for political victimization;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the programme implemented to grant relief to those who were subjected to victimization;
 - (ii) separately the names of the persons who, having been subjected to victimization, received relief and have been given promotions, along with the reason for vengeance and the relief they received;
 - (iii) whether they will be paid their salary in arrears along with their promotions; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which it will be made effective?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

2.

928/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately the names, dates of birth, addresses in Sri Lanka, educational qualifications, service experience, appointed countries, posts of the persons who were appointed to Foreign Diplomatic Missions of Sri Lanka from 08.01.2015 to 01.08.2016 and who are not officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
 - (ii) of them, the persons holding statuses of dual citizenship/foreign citizenship; and
 - (iii) the duties entrusted to these persons who were political appointees?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the tender procedure according to the Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
 - (ii) whether the tender procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity done up to date; and
 - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

945/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Charge de Affaires, Deputy High Commissioners, and other officers of same rank who are belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service appointed during the period from 09.12.2015 to 30.09.2016; and
 - (ii) the names, professional qualifications, highest educational qualifications and the present positions of the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and in the positions mentioned in above (i) as at 30.09.2016;
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1004/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether a large quantity of gold belonging to Tamil people who are living in Refugee Camps after the war, was deposited anywhere in a trust;
 - (ii) whether these deposits were enumerated;
 - (iii) whether there are complaints that their gold has not been returned to them so far;
 - (iv) of the available details regarding (i) above; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the government to settle these claims?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1051/16

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 within the limits of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte 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 these buildings;
 - (vi) if so, the aforesaid amount;
 - (vii) the method of payment that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Ministries that run their offices in private buildings within the limit of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) the buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of each building, of the amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet, of aforesaid buildings;
 - (iv) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of these buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1134/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a report had been submitted to Lanka Sathosa to the effect that a scarcity of rice would occur in the country during the latter part of the year 2014;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of rice imported accordingly;
 - (iii) of the periods in which rice was imported;
 - (iv) whether cabinet approval has been obtained for it;
 - (v) whether procurement process was followed in this regard;
 - (vi) if so, the names of the companies which submitted bids;
 - (vii) the value of the aforesaid amount of rice;
 - (viii) the government and private warehouses in which the aforesaid stock of rice was stored;
 - (ix) the amount of money spent for storing rice; and
 - (x) whether procurement procedure was followed in obtaining warehouse facilities from the private sector?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1235/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of roads in the Batticaloa district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

9.

1306/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of private institutions in the Matara district that have been registered to subscribe for the Employees Provident Fund;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions in above (i);
 - (iii) the number of employees in the Matara district who have obtained the membership of the Employees Provident Fund in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division separately; and
 - (iv) the minimum requirement needed to be registered in the Employees Provident Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1316/'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, Kiran South 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?

11.

1380/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Rs. 100 million allocated to the National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA) as per proposal No.150 of the 2016 budget, the amount granted by the Treasury during the year;
 - (ii) whether the National Aquaculture Development Authority had drawn up specific projects to spend the said financial provision;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a programme description indicating as to how the aforesaid Rs. 100 million allocated for the year 2016 was spent ?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

1052/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) issues have been surfaced in selling the products of the registered seed paddy farmers ;
 - (ii) a proper price is not given for aforesaid products ;
 - (iii) they have become discouraged due to aforesaid reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a methodical program will be implemented in order to purchase the products of seed paddy farmers;
 - (ii) if so, of which manner ?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1259/'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 Vavuniya 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 done 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?

14.

1381/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Rs.100 million was allocated as per proposal No.149 of the 2016 budget to set up agricultural, livestock and fish processing zones in the districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) of the persons who prepared the feasibility reports for these three projects;
 - (iii) of the total estimated cost for these three projects accordingly;
 - (iv) of the total financial allocations made by the General Treasury for the said projects by the end of 2016;
 - (v) of the total financial allocation that can be made available for the said projects for 2017?
 - (b) If not, why?
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(7)

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No.2 of 2013.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

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 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order No. 7(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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.

*2.

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.)

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

*5.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*11.

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.)

*12.

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.”

13.

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

14.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

19.

International Women’s and Children’s Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill—
Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

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