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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, June 06, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

387/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the canvas shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
  - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
  - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
  - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
  - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
  - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
  - (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army; and
  - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

2.

1101/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) the number of houses built by National Housing Development Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
  - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
  - (iii) the amount of money granted as housing loans when building the houses; and
  - (iv) the amount of housing loans provided as per each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this house—
  - (i) the number of beneficiary houses built by the Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
  - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
  - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for that purpose; and
  - (iv) the amount, in district wise separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this house—
  - (i) the number of house villages built by the authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
  - (ii) such villages, in each district separately;
  - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for it; and
  - (iv) the amount, in district-wise separately?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1123/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether your Ministry has initiated a project titled “Samurdhi Model villages”;
  - (ii) if so, the objectives of that project;
  - (iii) the villages in the Badulla district which have been selected for that project;
  - (iv) the steps which are proposed to be taken to develop those villages?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

4.

1310/16

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Mr. P.M. Nandasena residing at “Jayanadee”, Kiralawella, Devinuwara, is a member of the Fishermen’s Pension Scheme;
- (ii) he has submitted a formal application bearing reference No. MT/3279 for obtaining the pension that he is entitled to receive as he has completed 60 years of age;
- (iii) reminders have been sent to the Director, Agrarian Insurance Board, Matara, by the Assistant Director (සිසිච්චි) of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources through the letter bearing reference No. 05/05/2/82 dated 05.11.2014; and
- (iv) Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board has decided to pay back to Mr. Nandasena only the net premiums and the interest on the net premiums instead of paying the pension despite that he had duly paid all the premiums and the Assistant Director, Matara, had certified that he had duly paid all the premiums?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to pay to Mr. P.M. Nandasena, who is 62 years old now, the pension that he is entitled to receive?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1318/16

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 Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District;
- (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretarial 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?

(4)

6.

1360/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the students of the district of Rathnapura who have studied in the stream of Bio system technology and have obtained excellent results at the first shy sat for the G.C.E (A/L) examination in the year 2015 have not hither to been admitted to any university;
- (ii) although the university of Sabharagamuwa has been included in the university admission handbook provided to these children as the university from where the degree course relevant to the said stream can be followed, no student has been so far admitted to the said university as well; and
- (iii) as per the information received by these students, around 80-90 students with lower Z scores from districts with more facilities such as Colombo have got the opportunity to enter universities?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted that no justice has been meted out although appeals have been sent to the President, Prime Minister, Minister and the University Grants Commission regarding this unfair situation faced by these students up to now;
- (ii) whether the necessary steps will be taken to admit the students mentioned in a(i) above to universities?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1364/16

Hon.(Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits that the education of students was disrupted on account of displacement as well as loss of homes, guardians, parents and properties in the Northern Province due to the thirty-year war situation;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the completing of the degree by students was delayed for these reasons; and
- (iii) whether he will act to elevate the age limit to 45 years for recruitment to the Provincial Public Service based upon those reasons?

(b) If not, why?

(5)

8.

1366/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the “Thriposha” nutritional supplement was provided to expecting mothers, lactating mothers and low weight children below the age of five by the Department of Health;
  - (ii) the “Thriposha” nutritional supplement which was thus previously provided has not been provided to many areas including the upcountry areas for the period of more than last 03 months ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for not providing Thriposha;
  - (ii) whether there is any authenticity in the reports published through media recently to the effect that arrangements are underway to sell Thriposha which was so far provided by the government free of charge through private super markets ;
  - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to provide Thriposha to the relevant recipients; and
  - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1371/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the progress of the “Mini Industrial Parks” project which function as an incubator to assist micro, small and medium scale industries, according to the proposal No.125 of the budget 2016;
  - (ii) whether lands have been earmarked in Monaragala, Puttalam, Jaffna, Wannu and Ampara districts where those parks are proposed to be established;
  - (iii) whether the District Secretaries of the above mentioned districts have been made aware of this Mini Industrial Parks project; and
  - (iv) if so, whether the reports received from the above public officials of those districts be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

10.

1482/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Education has a national policy to give annual transfers to the teachers and the employees in the non academic staff who have served in the same national school for about a period of 10, 15, 20 and 30 years;
  - (ii) if so, whether the transfer methodology for the year 2017 has been planned accordingly;
  - (iii) according to that plan, transfers of the teachers have been finalized by now;
  - (iv) if not, whether there is a plan to accelerate that process;
  - (v) the date on which those transfers are given?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1506/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the private sector employment in terms of the number of active accounts of Employees Provident Fund as at 31.12.2016;
  - (ii) of the increase of employment as at 31. 12. 2016 relatively to 31. 12. 2014 and 31.12 .2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

547/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(5)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a large number of persons are engaged in gold and silver crafts industry in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) this industry is collapsing due to escalation of prices of gold and silver and other reasons; and
  - (iii) those engaged in the industry face the risk of losing their livelihoods?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of persons engaged in the above-mentioned industry;
  - (ii) whether the government has acted to grant concessions enabling them to develop new industries; and
  - (iii) if so, what those concessions are?

(7)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government will take measures to control gold and silver prices; and
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1215/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of government institutions in the Batticaloa district;
  - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
  - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
  - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
  - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
  - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
  - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1407/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) how many of the Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones proposed to be established according to Budget Proposal No. 183 in the Budget 2016, as mentioned in the manifesto of the Hon. Prime Minister, were established in the year 2016 and where they have been located;
    - (ii) of the total expenditure borne by the government separately for each of the zones so established according to the aforesaid proposal;
    - (iii) what government agency bears the responsibility for these Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones; and
    - (iv) what export income was earned through each such zone if such zones have been established in the year 2016?
  - (b) If not, why?
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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 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.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.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 which were presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2011/9 of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*4.

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.)

\*5.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to Medical Devices Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/45 of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

\*12.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,—That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2012/5 of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

\*13.

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

\*14.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.  
(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 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*16.

Resolution under the Constitution,—Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

22.

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

23.

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

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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[1].

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

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