



*[Eighth Parliament - First Session]*

No. 171.]

## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, June 07, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

859/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) consumption of liquor has increased; and
  - (ii) consumption of liquor is a main reason for the deterioration of health of people?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken action to reduce the consumption of liquor;
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid courses of action;
  - (iii) approximately, the amount of money spent by the government annually to treat the diseases caused by consumption of liquor; and
  - (iv) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the amount spent by the government for health?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1263/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the year in which the northern railway line running up to Jaffna was constructed;
  - (ii) The number of trips the Yaldevi train made to Jaffna in the northern railway line by 1983;
  - (iii) the number of passengers who travelled from Colombo to Jaffna and from Jaffna to Colombo annually by 1983;
  - (iv) the annual income generated from 1980 to 1983 separately in relation to each year;

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- (v) the date on which the railway line was destroyed by terrorists;
  - (vi) the location of the attack;
  - (vii) whether the damage has been estimated; and
  - (viii) if so, what that estimate is?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated to reconstruct the northern railway line in each year after the conclusion of the war in 2009;
  - (ii) the number of trips being made at present;
  - (iii) the number of passengers who have travelled in the northern railway line each year from 2009 up to date; and
  - (iv) the income generated in each year mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1339/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the details of the persons who lost their lives, houses or property or affected in any other manner as a result of the attack made by the LTTE terrorists on the villages of Palliyagodella and Akbarpura in Polonnaruwa district in 1992;
  - (ii) the number of persons who had been identified as Head of Household who were among those who died as a result of that terrorist attack;
  - (iii) whether he admits that a serious injustice has been caused to those who were under the age of 18 at the time of that disaster due to the methodology specified by the Ministry to be followed in providing houses to the displaced families with its common criterion of considering as sub families;
  - (iv) if so, whether he would advise the recognition as a sub family those underage persons at the time of disaster who now live as a family, in selecting the recipients of houses for resettlement in villages that were under threat that is implemented under DPS/DD-3/ Housing Proj/2016; and
  - (v) whether steps would be taken to provide houses for those sub families?
- (b) If not, why?

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4.

1350/16

Hon Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a policy decision has been taken to reduce the opportunities that existed for the Sri Lankan students to study for external degree courses;
  - (ii) separately, the number of male and female students who have been approved to be enrolled for the external degree courses in 2016;
  - (iii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE(A/L) and got qualified for the University entrance in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the number of students who were admitted to Universities;
  - (iv) separately, the number of students who are studying in Foreign Universities that are functioning in Sri Lanka in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in respect of each year separately;
  - (v) the degree courses followed by the students mentioned in above (iv) separately;
  - (vi) the number of students who follow each of the aforesaid degree courses separately;
  - (vii) if answers are not given for the above (v) and (vi) the reason for that?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1365/16

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 action is being taken island-wide to create one Additional District Secretary (Development) post for each district and one Assistant Divisional Secretary (Planning and Development) post for each Divisional Secretariat and to appoint officers of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service to these posts;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that Sri Lanka Planning Service is one of the all island services prevailing in Sri Lanka and as suitable posts have not been created for these officers most of the Grade-I officers are performing duties in posts belonging to Grade II and III; and
  - (iii) whether he will therefore act to award these posts, which are to be newly created, to the officers of the Sri Lanka Planning Service?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

1367/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) 1837 families are presently living in the village named Poonnai Neeram in Kandavalai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Killinochchi District;
- (ii) 780 of the aforesaid families have not received permanent houses to date and 391 of the families are female headed ones;
- (iii) the aforesaid village needs to be provided with a lot of basic facilities;
- (iv) having no land permits has become a grave problem for many of the villagers of the aforesaid village; and
- (v) the livelihoods of the female headed families, particularly have been adversely affected?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the nature of the steps that have been taken so far to fulfill the needs of the people of the aforesaid village;
- (ii) if steps have already been taken to fulfill the aforesaid needs, of the date of commencement and date of completion of such measures; and
- (iii) if no step has been taken so far, of the nature of the steps that will be taken in future to address this situation?

(c) If not, why?

7.

1388/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that it was opined as per proposal No.142 of the budget of 2016 to provide the underutilized government lands to private investors who can invest a minimum of 25 million rupees in local milk production ;
- (ii) the number of companies and persons that requested government lands as per the aforesaid proposal and their names;
- (iii) whether a list of the unutilized or underutilized government lands will be tabled;
- (iv) the number of acres given out of the aforesaid lands to grow grass, which is of higher productivity, through outside farmers;

(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 this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Friday 09<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

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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;

(6)

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.)

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

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