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## ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

892/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the group of people called ‘Wanni Sinhala’ living in the Thula Welliya village of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) of the other Grama Niladhari Divisions in which people belonging to the aforesaid group live, in addition to the Grama Niladhari Division mentioned above;
  - (iii) whether he admits that the basic amenities in the villages of these people who were subjected to various suffering during the war are minimal;
  - (iv) whether steps have been taken to provide those facilities expeditiously; and
  - (v) if so, what those steps are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to improve the economic status of the aforesaid people;
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
  - (iii) whether steps have been taken to safeguard the traditional heritage of these people by the government; and
  - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1112/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the Departments, Authorities, Corporations and other Statutory Institutions coming under the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation;

(2)

- (ii) the total number of staff attached to each such institution, separately;
- (iii) the total number of staff recruited to each of the above institutions after the present government of good governance came into power in 2015, separately;
- (iv) the names and addresses of persons mentioned in (iii) above;
- (v) whether there are vacancies in these intuitions at present; and
- (vi) if so, the methodology to be adopted to recruit persons in future?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1268/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of teachers serving at national schools;
- (ii) of the total number of teachers serving at other schools belonging to the provincial council;
- (iii) of the total number of pupils studying at schools;
- (iv) separately of total number of teachers available for each subject; and
- (v) separately of the dearth of teachers for each subject at each of the schools as per (iv) above;

in the Monaragala District?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1391/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money provided by the General Treasury as at the end of the year , out of the provision of Rs.100 million allocated as per proposal No. 151 of budget 2016, for the initial arrangements of the mega project to establish an aquaculture zone in the district of Batticaloa;
- (ii) of the extent of land that has been allocated for the above project;
- (iii) whether the project report regarding this project will be tabled;and
- (iv) whether aquaculture zones will be established in the other areas of the island as well in the year 2017?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1509/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Sri Lankans who are employed overseas as at 31.12.2016; and
  - (ii) of the increase of the number of Sri Lankans who are employed overseas as at 31.12.2016 in comparison with the numbers as at 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015 separately?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1548/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he present to this House—
  - (i) the financial allocations made for the Trincomalee district for developing small irrigational tanks in 2012, 2013 and 2014, in relation to each Agrarian Service division and year separately; and
  - (ii) the tanks developed by utilizing those allocations and the amount of money spent on them, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there has been an increase in the paddy harvest owing to these development activities;
  - (ii) if so, the volume of increase;
  - (iii) whether this increase is commensurate with the financial allocations spent; and
  - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether any follow up has been made on those development activities as the farmers complain that the programmes that were carried out during the above years have not been done in the proper manner;
  - (ii) if so, the details of such follow up; and
  - (iii) if not, whether steps will be taken to follow up on these development activities?
- (d) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1681/'17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a road parallel to Batticaloa-Valachchenai road along the sea shore from Batticaloa Bar Light House junction to Kalkudah partly constructed up to Eravur exists;
  - (ii) this road ease traffic congestion on the Batticaloa-Valachchenai road and will also be convenient to the public, as the Batticaloa District Secretariat and some other institutions nearby this road are also under construction;
  - (iii) it is easy and convenient to the local and foreign tourists to travel along the coast up to Pasikudah Bay on this road;
  - (iv) it is convenient for deep sea fishermen for their fishing activities easily;
  - (v) the residents of re-settled village of Thiraimadu will be benefitted; and
  - (vi) this will encourage investors to construct tourist hotels and other establishments along this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether instructions be given for the expedition of the construction of this road considering the above facts and needs at the earliest?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

893/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) Sinhala and Tamil communities living in the village of Panama in the Eastern Province live in absolute harmony; and
  - (ii) the aforementioned people have to face a number of issues when getting their basic requirements fulfilled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to resolve water and land related issues faced by people of the Panama area; and
  - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether state patronage has been extended so that the aforesaid people are able to live safeguarding their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
  - (ii) if so, the manner in which it has been done?
- (d) If not, why?

(5)

9.

1125/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of bus terminals in the Badulla district which were developed from 2010 up to now on the allocations of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government;
  - (ii) the names of the bus terminals which were developed;
  - (iii) the amount of money spent on each bus terminal separately; and
  - (iv) the other bus terminals in the Badulla district which are proposed to be included in the project?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1270/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there had been politically victimized teachers at each education zone level in the Monaragala district prior to 08 January 2015;
  - (ii) If so, their number;
  - (iii) whether recommendations relevant to victimization have been issued in respect of persons referred to in (i) above; and
  - (iv) whether he will Table a full report of that document?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1394/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a Cinnamon Development Authority was established utilizing the provisions of Rs.50 million as per proposal No. 167 of budget 2016;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was established and where it is located;
  - (iii) of the timely requirement of establishing a Cinnamon Development Authority;
  - (iv) of the Ministry vested with the responsibility of the establishment of a Cinnamon Development Authority and the formulation of plans with relevance to that;
  - (v) of the measures that have been adopted in the year 2016 by the aforesaid Ministry with a view to making the said budget proposal a practical reality; and
  - (vi) of the amount of financial allocations made to proceed with the proposed Cinnamon Development Authority through Budget 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

1510/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of shooting incidents and murders reported within the year 2016; and
  - (ii) the increase in shooting incidents and murders recorded in the year 2016 in numbers in comparison to years 2014 and 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1549/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) Elilarangu stadium, Kinniya is being developed over the past few years;
  - (ii) of the amount allocated for its development activities;
  - (iii) the work carried out; and
  - (iv) the public officers in Kinniya are not aware of the above activities?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) separately in respect of each year from 2011 to 2015, the financial provision allocated for the development activities of Elilarangu Stadium;
  - (ii) the development activities carried out with the said provisions;
  - (iii) the reason for the Ministry directly carrying out the above development activities without the knowledge of the Trincomalee District Secretariat and the Eastern Provincial Council;
  - (iv) the contractor carrying out the development activities;
  - (v) the basis on which the works have been assigned to the said contractor; and
  - (vi) the reason for not completing the development activities up to now despite the lapse of a lengthy period of time?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether transparency in all development activities carried out under the government of good governance is guaranteed?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1686/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) names of all the National Schools in Batticaloa District;
  - (ii) number of students in each national school, grade-wise;
  - (iii) number of available teachers category-wise in each national school;
  - (iv) approved cadre of teachers, subject-wise in each national school;
  - (v) number of teacher vacancies, category-wise in each national school;
  - (vi) names of the subjects for which teacher vacancies exist in each national school; and
  - (vii) names of national schools which have been provided with facilities such as technical laboratories and language laboratories?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
  - (i) steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education to fill these vacancies; and
  - (ii) date on which the aforesaid vacancy will be filled?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1049/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) of the names of Ministries that operate at private buildings situated within the limits of Colombo Municipal Council;
    - (ii) of the names of the buildings at which the aforesaid Ministries operate;
    - (iii) separately of the amount of the lease and the service charge that are paid per square foot of each of the aforesaid buildings; and
    - (iv) whether a payment is made for the parking spaces available at these buildings?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) whether the Ministries housed in buildings that are situated within the limits of the Colombo Municipal Council will be shifted to Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
    - (ii) if so, whether buildings required for housing such Ministries will be constructed; and
    - (iii) separately of the names of Ministries that will be shifted from the Colombo Municipal Council area to Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte and of the names of those that will not be shifted?
  - (c) If not, why?
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## **AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **Notice of Presentation of Bills**

1.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Nation Building Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Nation Building Tax Act, No. 9 of 2009.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Local Authorities Elections (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

### **Notice of Motions**

3.

Hon. Sisira Kumara Abeyssekara,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Ananda Aluthgamage Development, Social Services and Charity Foundation.”

4.

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Leave to introduce Bill (No.2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Shantha Abeyssekara Development, Social Services and Charity Foundation.”

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### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

\*1.

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.)

\*2.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2019/24 of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which were presented on 07.06.2017, 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 Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/16 of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 992)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*5.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on arrack and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/7 of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 994)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment under Section 51 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 read with paragraph (e) of Section 6 and Section 21 of the said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/27 of 06<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

\*7.

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.)

\*8.

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

\*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*14.

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.

\*15.

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.

\*16.

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

\*17.

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

\*18.

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.)

\*19.

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.”

20.

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

21.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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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