



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 184.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, July 28, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

863/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of to the quantity of dates that was imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major countries from which dates are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the standard of dates is inspected when they are imported;
 - (ii) if so, how it is done; and
 - (iii) what amount of money was spent for importing dates during the year 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1071/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, in terms of the residential district, of the number of Tamil individuals, dead, injured and displaced;
 - (ii) of the total number of dead, injured and displaced Tamil individuals;owing to the racist insurgencies that took place in July and August of 1983;
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3.

1117/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Divineguma Community Based Banks (Samurdhi Banks) that operate within Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the locations of those banks; and
 - (iii) of the number of beneficiaries who benefit from each bank branch?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees serving at each of the banks mentioned in a)(i) above and their names and designations separately;
 - (ii) whether any vacancies exist at those banks at present; and
 - (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted to recruit employees for those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1161/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any plan in place to establish a tourism zone in Kahalla, Pallekele and Hakwatuna Reservoir areas;
 - (ii) if so, whether aforesaid plan will be submitted;
 - (iii) whether there is a plan in place to construct roads and buildings in the area of Kahalla forest reserve and sanctuary; and
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons; of the extent; in which places?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons led to clear approximately, a 6 acre area in Kahalla forest reserve, removing forest cover with machineries;
 - (ii) of the institution by which the money has been allocated for aforesaid purpose and the amount of money so allocated;
 - (iii) of the contractors;
 - (iv) whether government accepts the fact that it violates the section 7 of Forest Conservation Ordinance No.6 of 1907 as amended by the act No. 65 of 2009; and
 - (v) of the punishments which can be meted out once aforesaid section is violated?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1194/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Vavuniya District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1298/16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of non academic employees, employed in national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of employees in terms of each post;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies available in the approved non academic cadre, in the national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (iv) separately, of aforesaid number of vacancies in terms of national and provincial schools;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to recruitment persons for the vacancies, mentioned in aforesaid (iv); and
 - (vi) if so, of the respective recruitment procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

7.

1383/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the contribution made to the government revenue by the increase of the special commodity levy on fish and fish products to Rs. 50/- as per proposal No. 147 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) separately the quantities and import values of fish and fish products imported to Sri Lanka from 1977 up to now;
 - (iii) whether a list of importers who engage in importing fish and fish products will be submitted as per customs data;
 - (iv) whether the government has a plan for the reduction of fish importation to Sri Lanka;
 - (v) if so, of the aforementioned plan?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1480/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sports Schools have been established in the Puttlam district in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to develop those schools;
 - (iv) the number of sports teachers serving in the Puttlam district;
 - (v) their names and the names of the schools in which they are serving at present; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to make necessary recruitments in the future, if there are vacancies for sports teachers in the district?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1495/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) due to the acquisition of lands for the construction of Yan Oya Project, 07 ancestral tanks, houses and paddy fields were submerged in the reservoir and the residents of the area have lost their homes and have been left destitute; and
 - (ii) that, despite objections by the residents of the area, arrangements are being made by authorities to distribute among those residents the lands in a thick forest in Kajuwatta area which is not suitable for living?

(5)

- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) the aforesaid residents had requested that, out of the area of 600 acres that has not been submerged in the reservoir close to Malporuwa village and bordered by the south canal, an extent of 200 acres be provided to them; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the subject Minister who visited the area along with the relevant officials instructed them to provide those residents with an extent of 200 acres of high land out of the aforesaid land as early as possible?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether immediate steps would be taken as per the decision stated in (b)(ii) above to provide lands to the aforesaid people as they have not been provided with any land to reside in to date?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

1498/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amount of money spent on Television, Radio and Newspaper advertisements in obtaining public opinions and proposals on budget 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1597/17

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is fierce competition to get children admitted to the popular schools, especially the National Schools in the island;
 - (ii) parents inconvenienced as a result, make requests to the Ministry of Education as well to get their children admitted to those schools;
 - (iii) a list of names of students to be admitted to different grades at Horana Thakshila Central College has been sent to the Principal of that school by the Ministry of Education, after considering such a request made by a group of parents;
 - (iv) some parents have been informed by certain individuals who are representatives of past pupils that a sum of Rs.5 lakhs was expected for school development work to give priority to names in the said list?
- (b) Will he admit that emergence of a situation of running after money at Central Colleges founded by the Father of Free Education for future advancement of specially the poor children is a serious offence as well as a serious injustice?

(6)

(c) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken for action against the individuals responsible for this situation?

(d) If not, why?

12.

1601/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that National Energy Policy of Sri Lanka is outdated;

(ii) whether he admits that a National Energy Policy which caters Sri Lanka's current and future expectations and; and

(iii) if so, the date when the new National Energy Policy will be presented to the Parliament?

(b) If not, why?

13.

1604/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the power plants situated in the Western Province , which generate electricity to be provided to the Ceylon Electricity Board ;

(ii) the electricity generating capacity of each of the aforesaid power plants, separately;

(iii) whether an assessment has been done in regard to the gases which are injurious to the environment, emanating from each of the aforesaid power plants;

(iv) whether steps will be taken to provide electricity to the Western Province including the city of Colombo using environment friendly methodologies?

(b) If not, why?

14.

1610/17

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the main road from Pallededa to Balangoda in the Rakwana Electorate is daily used by a large number of people; and

(ii) no renovation has been carried out on the aforesaid road for many years?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the period of time that will be taken to make arrangements to develop the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

891/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the areas which are traditionally occupied by craftsmen who engage in gold, silver and iron craft;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) of the number of families which traditionally engage in aforementioned industry in the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iv) whether a study has been carried out regarding the main issues faced by those craftsmen; and
 - (v) if so, of the issues faced by those craftsmen?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to provide those craftsmen with new technologies and training they require;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which it has been done;
 - (iii) whether the government has intervened to find them the market to sell their products; and
 - (iv) if so, of the manner in which it has been done?
 - (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there is a programme to provide foreign employment opportunities to these craftsmen;
 - (ii) if not, whether such a programme will be formulated;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid products are exported;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the countries to which the products are exported; and
 - (v) the income earned in the years 2015 and 2016 through exporting these products?
 - (d) 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 (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 a.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.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 of the Parliament, and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016, the Parliament shall sit on August 04th Friday, 2017 and the hours of sitting this day shall be 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.. At 12.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Friday 04th August 2017.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— Adjourned debate on question (27th July, 2017),— “That this Parliament resolves that the proclamation made by the President in the form of an order under Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979 which was published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/23 of 25th July 2017 throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 25th July 2017 declaring the services of any Public Corporation or Government Department or Local Authority or Co-operative Society or any branch thereof being a Department or Corporation or Local Authority or Co-operative Society, which is engaged in supply or distribution of fuel including petroleum products and gas and all services, work, labour of any description whatsoever, necessary or required to be done in connection with the discharge, carriage, landing, storage, delivery and removal of oil or fuel from vessels within any port as defined for the purposes of the Customs Ordinance, considering that those services are essential to life of the community and are likely to be impeded or interrupted, be approved. (Presented to the Parliament on 26th July 2017.)”

*2.

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 06th December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

*3.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

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

*5.

Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Ceylon German Technical Training Institute Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salaries and Allowances to the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Section 3 and 3(4) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996, the President has appointed Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya, who has a vast knowledge and practical experiences in the field of Human Rights to her credit, as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for a period of three (03) years with effect from 30.10.2015.

And whereas, Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udugama who has been serving as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka since 30.10.2015, intends to revert back to her substantive post after the lapse of said period of three (03) years and she has intimated that in case the salary including all allowances of her substantive post in the University is denied to her during this period of three (03) years, it would adversely affect her employment benefits.

And whereas, Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval on 13.06.2017 to pay Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama the salary of fulltime Lecturer including all allowances as the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya with effect from 30.10.2015; to pay her the monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- entitled to the Chairperson of the Commission and to provide her with an official vehicle with entitlement for personal use including 225 liters of fuel or an allowance corresponding to the current market prices of fuel, as personal to her.

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996.

(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 17th February 2017, which were presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

*12.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

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.”

*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 27th March 2017, which was presented on 23.05.2017, be approved.

16.

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

17.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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."
