



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 188.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

67/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Lanka's water resources have been contaminated due to the environment pollution that is taking place owing to the use of agro chemicals and fertilizers in agriculture and actions of humans?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on rivers, tanks and other water resources that contain water unsuitable for consumption within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) If so, the main water resources that contain contaminated water;
 - (iii) the measures taken to clean them making them suitable for consumption;
 - (iv) the measures taken to prevent water resources being contaminated in the future ?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1072/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which the advertisements of Ministry of Finance on tax payments which were publicized on printed and electronic media in September 2016, started appearing on media?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of aforesaid advertisement—
 - (i) of the date that the appearance of aforesaid advertisement was stopped;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money paid to each media institution in order to publicize and the total amount;
 - (iii) of the basis adopted in sharing the money allocated for publicizing among media institutions;

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- (iv) separately, of the state institutions that provided funds for publicizing and the contribution made by each institution;
 - (v) if the Ministry of Finance spent on publicizing, of the expenditure head that were used;
 - (vi) of the advertising agencies employed to publicize and separately, of the commissions and fees offered; and
 - (vii) of the basis on which aforesaid advertising agencies were selected?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1120/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a Provincial Public Petitions Committee under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) If so, the names of the members of that Provincial Public Petitions Committee;
 - (iii) the number of complaints to said Committee received so far after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province ascended to that post;
 - (iv) the number of petitions which have been inquired into and reliefs granted;
 - (v) the Provincial Public Institutions which have and have not implemented the recommendations made by this Committee; and
 - (vi) the steps that are intended to be taken against the Provincial Public Institutions which do not implement the recommendations of this Committee?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1196/16

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 Jaffna 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?

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1305 /'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of serious crimes reported in Matara District during the period from the year 2013 up to 2016 as per each police station separately;
 - (ii) the number of serious crimes mentioned in (i) above as per the nature of the crime committed separately; and
 - (iii) the legal action taken against the accused of the serious crimes mentioned in (i) above separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the requirement of a Code of Ethics in regard to the media practices to be followed in reporting crimes;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to formulate a Code of Ethics which is acceptable to every party; and
 - (iii) when the number of crimes and the nature of the crimes committed during the times of the present and previous regimes are considered, whether it is believed that it has any relationship with the present or previous regime?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1411/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total income generated from the CESS of 10% imposed on imported Gold Jewellery as per proposal No. 179 of the budget 2016;
 - (ii) the manner through which the said CESS was used to protect the local craftsman; and
 - (iii) whether he will present the value of the Gold Jewellery imported to Sri Lanka in each year from 1977 and a list of 20 major importers;
 - (iv) if Gold Jewellery is imported to Sri Lanka, the main suppliers of such Jewellery?
- (b) If not, why?

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7.

1496/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) what amounts had been allocated from 2013 to 2016 to the Northern, Eastern, Uva and North-Central Provinces, separately in respect of each Province and each year;
 - (ii) what amounts were spent by each province in each year; and
 - (iii) of the amounts spent by each such Province as percentages of their allocations?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1544/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) Sujani, a mother of three from Anuradhapura, has been subjected to torture in a cruel manner while she was employed in the State of Kuwait; and
 - (ii) severe damage has been caused to her spinal cord as a result of such torture and she has been receiving treatment at Ward 17 of the Al-Addan Hospital in Kuwait at present?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she should be brought to Sri Lanka immediately in view of the damage to her spinal cord, which has rendered her immobile; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to bring her to Sri Lanka with compensation to which she is entitled?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1573/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that Manampitiya sand of Polonnaruwa is issued on the basis of requirement by the Manampitiya Sand Company;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid company is a public enterprise, a semi government company or a private company;
 - (iii) of the names of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid company; and
 - (iv) of the methodology adopted by the aforesaid company when issuing sand according to the requirement of the buyers?
- (b) If not, why?

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10.

1592/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Agrarian Services Department divisions functioning in the district of Puttalam;
 - (ii) the names of the centres of those divisions;
 - (iii) the number of farmers who have applied for fertilizer subsidy from each of those divisions;
 - (iv) the number of farmers who got money for the fertilizer subsidy;
 - (v) the number of farmers who are yet to receive the money for fertilizer subsidy; and
 - (vi) the date on which the money will be given for the farmers who did not get the money for fertilizer subsidy up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1602/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the nature of the ownership of the government on the Ante Leco (pvt) Ltd;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1605/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
 - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;

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- (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;
- (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
- (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
- (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?

(b) If not, why?

13.

1611/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the acreage of lands belonging to the Walawe Zone of Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately on per division basis, of the extent of lands that have been distributed among people;
- (iii) whether details of lands that have been awarded for projects over 50 acres in extent;
- (iv) whether the lands referred to in (iii) above have been awarded on Cabinet Approval; and
- (v) if not, of the methodology in which those lands have been awarded?

(b) If not, why?

14.

1626/17

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Thambuttegama Hospital is one of the Base Hospitals in the Anuradhapura district that belong to the North Central Provincial Council; and
- (ii) if so, will he admit that patients from Divisional Secretariat Divisions such as Thambuttegama, Galnewa, Rajanganaya, Thalawa, Ipalogama and Nochchiyagama in the Anuradhapura district, and patients from areas such as Mahawa, Galgamuwa and Meegalewa in the North Western Province get treatments from this hospital?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of in – house patients who get treatments in the first ward/ accident ward in this hospital per day;
 - (ii) the number of beds in this ward;
 - (iii) whether he can be satisfied about the facilities provided to the patients;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that a new ward complex has been built for this hospital in the previous year;
 - (v) the reason for non completion of its work up to now; and
 - (vi) whether he intervenes to complete the work on the new building and declare open it?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1627/17

Hon . Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the reports carried by national newspapers to the effect that 100% of electricity requirement of Sri Lanka will be met by renewable energy sources including solar power and wind power by the year 2050 are true;
 - (ii) if so, the extent to which such objective is congruent with the National Energy Policy; and
 - (iii) the activities planned by your Ministry for the attainment of the said objective?
- (b) If not, why?

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 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 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.

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

*2.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Russian Federation published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/27 of 07th June 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Order under the Extradition Law (No. 2),—That the Order made by the President under Section 3 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Ukraine published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/47 of 02nd June 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Registration of Persons Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs under Subsection (1) of Section 52 of the Registration of Persons Act, No. 32 of 1968 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/28 of 31st May 2017, which was presented on 25.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulation under the Sports Law,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 with regard to regulations on National Sports Associations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/41 of 05th May 2017, which was presented on 26.07.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 06.09.2016 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.01.2017)

*12.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 07.03.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 24.03.2017)

*13.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Commission together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 03.05.2017 under Section 14(2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 26.05.2017)

*14.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (2011),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 10.12.2016 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*15.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Savings Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*16.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Bank of Ceylon (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.01.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*17.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the People's Bank together with the observations of Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 08.03.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law Act and under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 03.05.2017)

*18.

The Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd. (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd together with the observations of Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 21.03.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 23.05.2017)

*19.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 08.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*20.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013), of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 21.07.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the Sri Jayewardenapura General Hospital Board Act, No. 54 of 1983 and Section 14(2) C of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*21.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Annual Report and Accounts (2013) of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation,— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended on 31.12.2013 and presented on 11.08.2016 Under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health and Human Welfare, Social Empowerment on 04.07.2017)

*22.

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.

*23.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

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.”

*27.

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.

28.

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

29.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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."
