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FOR

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

101/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of medical centres registered in Sri Lanka under the names of doctors; and
 - (ii) the number of full time and part time registered centres separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the last census was carried out regarding the number of private medical centres belonging to the doctors;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to conduct census once again; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the legal measures that can be taken against maintaining a private medical centre without a registration certificate;
 - (ii) the legal measures that were taken against unregistered private medical centres during last two years; and
 - (iii) the names of doctors who owned unregistered private medical centres and the punishment given to them separately?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1175/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total cost incurred by the construction of the Port of Hambantota;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to sell a percentage of its ownership to the private sector;

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- (iii) what percentage is expected to be sold thus; and
 - (iv) of the minimum sum of money expected as proceeds from the sale?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1198/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Mullaitivu District by the year 1983 —
- (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1413/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he will submit the number of scholarships awarded to students following courses at the Gem and Jewellery Training Institute, their value and a list of scholarship recipients as per proposal No.177 of the 2016 budget?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he will submit a data chart setting out the growth each year of foreign exchange earned through the export of Gem and Jewellery from 1977 up to now;
 - (ii) the strategies and programmes introduced anew by the government after 2015 for the promotion of the Gem and Jewellery Industry; and
 - (iii) whether he will submit the trends in exporting gems to China in respect of each year from 2000 up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

1580/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Bank of Ceylon 5th City Branch in Colombo Fort was started on 15.05.1975;
 - (ii) over 60,000 customers have opened accounts with the aforesaid branch as at present;
 - (iii) the aforesaid branch has started to fail due to the poor, inefficient administration of the present management; and
 - (iv) there are plans to attach this branch to the Colombo City Branch for the aforesaid reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that 60,000 customers will be provided with facilities if the aforesaid branch is continued at the same location under an efficient, management; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to continue running this bank at the same location?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1585/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a bank account named Commonwealth Game is maintained in the Bank of Ceylon;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the person who maintains the aforesaid account;
 - (iii) of the date on which it was opened;
 - (iv) of the amount of government funds and donations which have been credited to the aforesaid account; and
 - (v) of the balance that remains in the aforesaid account at present?
- (b) If not, why?

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1594/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of sand and clay mining licenses that have been issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the persons who have obtained licenses;
 - (iii) the revenue earned by the Bureau by issuing those licenses; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Bureau to prevent the harm caused to the environment?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1607/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken a decision to use Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to generate electricity in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that so far there is no possibility of using natural gas produced in Sri Lanka for commercial use;
 - (iii) if so, the plan the government has for importing and storing liquefied Natural Gas required for generating electricity;
 - (iv) if not, whether it is a process of constructing power plants in which electricity is produced out of diesel that the government is doing, in the guise of introducing liquid Natural Gas; and
 - (v) if such a risky situation prevails, why doesn't the government take steps to promote renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1613/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the methodology adopted in awarding the lands that belong to Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka for large-scale projects?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the extents of lands that have been granted to Dole Lanka Company and Vita Organic Company for banana cultivations in Chandrika Wewa Division of the Walawe Zone; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that no proper methodology has been adopted in awarding those lands?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

1629/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of consumers who have obtained solar power electricity connections under the “ Sooriya Bala Sangramaya” Project;
 - (ii) the price paid per one unit of electricity added by a consumer to the Ceylon Electricity Board under the “Sooriya Bala Sangramaya” project;
 - (iii) the capacity of electricity expected to be added to the national grid within the next 5 years under the initial projects; and
 - (iv) the reason for the lackadaisical approach shown by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to add solar power to the national grid?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1634/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders were called by Ceylon Electricity Board to put up two wind power stations with the capacity of 10 Megawatt for each, in Chunnakkam of Jaffna district;
 - (ii) if so, separately of the bids forwarded for the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) of two companies for which aforesaid tenders were granted;
 - (iv) separately, of the bids forwarded by aforesaid companies; and
 - (v) of the progress of each aforesaid project?
- (b) If not why?

12.

1640/'17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the Departments and Statutory Bodies that belong to the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if those institutions are in rented buildings the names of those buildings along with the names and addresses of the owners of those buildings;
 - (iii) the annual rent paid by the Ministry for each building separately on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Ministry in obtaining the buildings on rent?
- (b) If not, why?

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13.

1672/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total extent of land in which paddy was cultivated in this season;
 - (ii) the extent of land in which the cultivations were destroyed owing to the prevailing severe drought; and
 - (iii) the number of metric tonnes of paddy which is estimated to be lost to the country owing to the drought?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reliefs the government intends to grant to the farmers whose cultivations were damaged;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has made financial allocations for that; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1676/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House number and names of courses medium-wise, conducted in Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) names of courses conducted at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (ii) number of trainees undergoing training in each course;
 - (iii) of the reason that the other possible Tamil medium courses are not conducted at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to admit students for other feasible Tamil medium courses at Batticaloa College of Education;
 - (v) whether suitable lecturers are not available to commence such courses; and
 - (vi) if so, action will be taken to appoint such category of lecturers?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1682/17

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. D.M. Jayatissa of Kaduruwelena, Okkampitiya joined the Sri Lanka Police in 1983 and served in it under official number ๑๒๑.๑๒๑. 5439;
 - (ii) he served in Ampara and Baticaloa areas for 9 years in the Police Special Task Force; and

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- (iii) the order made by the Committee on Public Petitions of Parliament following submissions being made to it regarding his dismissal from Police Service in 1994 on a false charge that he be reinstated, was not implemented and the other order that he be reinstated with salary arrears after the Committee deciding that an injustice has been caused to him upon the consideration of 3 more petitions submitted by him regarding the non implementation of the order of the Committee was not implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the failure to implement the order made by the Committee on 3 occasions that he be reinstated, is a grave injustice caused to him; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to reinstate Mr. Jayatissa by implementing the order given by the Committee on Public Petitions?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,— Electronic Transactions (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—Supplementary Estimate— Head 117— Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty Three Billion (Rs. 53,000,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceed of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for service of the Financial Year beginning of the 01st January 2017 and ending on 31st December 2017. The said sum may be expended as specified in the Schedule hereto.

(8)

Schedule

Head	-117	Ministry of Higher Education and Highways	
Programme	- 2	Development Activities	
Project	- 3	Expressways Development-	<u>Rs. Million</u>
		Foreign Fund (Financing Code12)	30,000.00
		Domestic Fund (Financing Code17) (Schedule No. 01)	1,200.00
	- 4	Highways Development-	15,800.00
		Foreign Fund (Financing Code12)	14,500.00
		Domestic Fund (Financing Code17) (Schedule No. 02)	1,300.00
	- 6	Construction of Bridges and Fly Overs- (Foreign Fund) (Financing Code12) (Schedule No. 03)	6,000.00
		Total Expenditure	<u><u>Rs. 53,000.00</u></u>
		(Rupees Fifty Three Billion only.) (Cabinet approval signified.)	

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 1 of 2017 presented on 09th August, 2017

*2.

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.)

*3.

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.)

*4.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation under the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 read of the Stamp duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 with regard to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/24 of 21st February 2017, which was presented on 08.08.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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.)

*8.

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.)

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

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

*14.

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)

*15.

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)

*16.

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)

*17.

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)

*18.

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)

*19.

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)

*20.

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)

*21.

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)

*22.

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)

*23.

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)

*24.

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)

*25.

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.

*26.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

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.”

29.

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

30.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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."
