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No. 191.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

112/15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the clinic building of the Thambuttegama Hospital was handed over to the Hospital after completing the construction work;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the aforesaid building?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the contractor who built the aforesaid building;
 - (ii) whether the payment has been made in full to the aforementioned contractor;
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of money that was paid;
 - (iv) whether money of the aforesaid contractor has been retained;
 - (v) if so, of the amount of money that has been retained?
- (c) Is he aware that —
 - (i) walls of the aforementioned building have cracked;
 - (ii) it poses a threat to the lives of patients and hospital staff;
 - (iii) the said building has not been repaired up to now?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to repair the building;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) of the name of the contractor who will carry out the said repairs?
- (e) If not, why?

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2.

1176/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Ltd during the 2010 to 2015 period;
 - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
 - (iii) what annual profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during the 2010 to 2015 period?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1199/16

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 Kilinochchi 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 situation 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.

1414/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign investments that commenced work within 50 days in 2016, as an arrangement that assures commencing work within 50 days from filling in the applications for foreign investments was introduced as per budget proposal No.199 of 2016;

(3)

- (ii) of the amount of foreign exchange brought into the country by the foreign companies that commenced businesses in the country within 2016 as a result of the said fresh approach; and
- (iii) whether he would submit the list of changes introduced comparatively in introducing the process to facilitate the commencement of projects in Sri Lanka by a foreign investor within 50 days?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1595/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of local government institutions functioning in the Puttalam district at present;
- (ii) of their names;
- (iii) the number of people being served by each of those local government institutions along with their extent and the number of Grama Niladhari divisions, separately;
- (iv) the number of new local government institutions which are proposed to be set up anew in order to provide more facilities to the people in the Puttalam district;
- (v) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to expedite the setting up of the proposed local government institutions?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1614/17

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 methodology adopted in granting permission for sand mining in lands belonging to Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether he would present to this House a list of names of those who have been issued with licences for sand mining in Walawe Zone;
- (iii) whether he would admit that unauthorized sand mining is taking place in large scale within the aforesaid Zone; and
- (iv) of the steps that have been taken at present to curb that situation?

(b) If not, why?

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7.

1630/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the generation of electricity from solar power is the renewable energy source with the lowest production cost in the world as of now;
 - (ii) if so, the measures initiated by the government for generating electricity from solar power;
 - (iii) the amount of electricity added to the national grid by now through the programme called “Soorya Bala Sangramaya” launched by the government on 06.09.2016?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1635/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which Lanka Coal Company (Pvt.) Ltd was established;
 - (ii) whether the accounts of aforesaid company have been audited, annually;
 - (iii) if so, by which firm;
 - (iv) of the reasons led, if the accounts have not been audited;
 - (v) whether it can be guaranteed that aforesaid company maintains proper accounting standards; and
 - (vi) if the aforesaid company has failed in maintaining proper accounting standards, of the steps that would be taken against the responsible officers ?
- (b) If not why?

9.

1641/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the farmers faced severe hardships due to drought that prevailed for the last few months in this country;

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- (ii) the names of the Districts, Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Agrarian Service Zones that were severely affected by the drought;
- (iii) whether any compensation was paid by the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board for the farmers who were so rendered helpless ;
- (iv) if so, the names and the addresses of those farmers;
- (v) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to the farmers, who were affected by the drought, through Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1695/17

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

(a) Will he state this House —

- (i) whether the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Puttalam District has given approval to set up a Children's Park in Norochcholai village in year 2013; and
- (ii) if so, whether such a Children's Park has been set up?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of funds received for the purpose; and
- (ii) who has received that amount of funds?

(c) If not, why?

11.

1712/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) how many dengue patients have been admitted to the Kinniya hospital in the year 2017 up to now;
- (ii) how many of them died while being under treatment;
- (iii) is there a serious shortage of doctors, staff, beds and space in the Kinniya hospital as a result of the dengue epidemic;
- (iv) of the steps will be taken to relieve this situation; and
- (v) the fact that the shortage of doctors in the Kinniya hospital compelling the transfer of patients to the Trincomalee hospital?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

12.

1732/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim schools under each Educational zones in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) names of Assistant Directors of Education (Islam) of above zones who supervise teaching of Islam, Islamic Studies and Arabic;
 - (iii) names of Education zones which do not have ADE (Islam);
 - (iv) supervisors assigned to supervise the teaching of above subjects in these zones;
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) only two vacancies for Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service (Special cadre-Islam) were depicted in the gazette notification;
 - (ii) religious education is compulsory in the Curriculum;
 - (iii) non-supervision of Islam will have an adverse effect on the religious education of Muslim students;
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the cadre of SLEAS (Special grade - Islam); and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to appoint ADE (Islam) on acting basis?
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1775/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladari Divisions available in Sri Lanka as at 31.03.2017;
 - (ii) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) of the number of Grama Niladaris deployed in service as at 31.03.2017;
 - (iv) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of vacant GN positions as at 31.03.2017;
 - (ii) separately of the aforesaid number as per each province, district and divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) whether a competitive examination has been held to recruit Grama Niladaris to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, of the year in which the particular examination was held and the number of applicants who sat for the examination;
 - (v) whether an interview has been conducted for those who obtained the highest marks at the examination;
 - (vi) if so, of the number of applicants who appeared for the interview;
 - (vii) of the number of applicants who got qualified for the GN appointments; and
 - (viii) of their names and addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1200/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Manner 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 situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1415/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of foreign investments made by the companies listed in the Colombo Stock Exchange in the year 2016 since the income from dividends on investments in listed shares by foreign companies was exempted from the income tax as per proposal No.199 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether he will submit a report on the trends (as per standard indices) in the share market of Sri Lanka following the conclusion of the armed conflict in the year 2009;
 - (iii) the amounts of investments withdrawn by foreigners from the share market of Sri Lanka in the years 2015 and 2016;
 - (iv) the proposed changes and financial and tax incentives for the revival of the share market of Sri Lanka;
 - (v) whether there is a plan to introduce the Capital Gains Tax proposed from the 2016 budget to the share market in future?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bill

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution,— Bill to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

2.

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 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 2.00 p.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.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Privilege,— That the question of privilege arising out of the matter raised by the Hon. Ajith P. Perera, M.P. on 11th August, 2017 in Parliament to the effect that his privileges have been infringed, be referred to the Committee on Privileges under Standing Order No. 127 of the Parliament.

4.

Hon. K. K. Piyadasa,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“ Bill to incorporate the Sukyo Mahikari Sri Lanka.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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

*3.

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.)

*4.

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.)

*5.

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.)

*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.

Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

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

*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.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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.”

26.

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

27.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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."
