



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 232.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Saturday, December 09, 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

839/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the sleeping compartments of certain long-distance, intercity express trains have fallen into disrepair;
 - (ii) certain trains do not have cafeteria facilities;
 - (iii) the cafeteria that are already available are not properly run;
 - (iv) substandard food and beverages are sold at very high prices in such cafeteria; and
 - (v) railway passengers are greatly inconvenienced due to these reasons.
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the steps that will be taken to improve the facilities in the aforesaid trains;
 - (ii) whether an estimate of the expenditure required for that purpose has been made; and
 - (iii) if so, of the value of the estimated expenditure?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1386/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he submits a list containing the annual quantity of fish exports and export value of Sri Lanka since 1977 to date, as the proposal No. 144 of 2016 Budget states that the annual value of fish exports of Sri Lanka, is of 150 million US Dollars;

(2)

- (ii) of the reasons led for the European market ban on fish exports;
 - (iii) of the measures taken by the then Minister of Fisheries, Hon. Rajitha Senarathna, to get the ban lifted;
 - (iv) of the measures taken by Sri Lanka to get the European market ban on fish exports, lifted; and
 - (v) of the major changes that took place in fish exports sector?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1469/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) of the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions which have a permanent Grama Niladhari at present along with the name of the respective Grama Niladhari; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the Grama Niladhari vacancies that exist in the Badulla District;
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1743/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitments for the post of Jailors;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016;
 - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
 - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?

(3)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process,;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified appointees have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments ;
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1872/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the work of a jogging track being constructed around the reservoir located south to Bandaranaike Mawatha, Katubedda was suspended midway;
 - (ii) the work of the jogging track was resumed and having completed most of the work, the work has come to a standstill as the contractor removed all machineries on 12.09.2016;
 - (iii) as a result of garbage being dumped to the said reservoir and surrounding area, a massive environmental pollution has taken place occasioning an increase in the mosquito density;
 - (iv) the renovated reservoir and the canal are overgrown with weeds owing to the suspension of the construction of the jogging track?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action be taken to construct the jogging track and depollute the heavily polluted reservoir;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the work thereof will be resumed;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to recover the expenditure incurred on the work done hitherto?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2109/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) over four hundred students are studying up to the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) at Kalaimagal Tamil Vidyalaya in Matugama Educational Zone of Kalutara district;
 - (ii) a foundation stone was laid two months before to develop this school under the “The Nearest School is the Best School” programme?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the development work mentioned in a (ii) above will be commenced;
 - (ii) whether the arrangements have been made to commence General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) classes in the said school;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which those classes will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2148/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) how many irrigation projects were launched in the North Western Province after the present good governance government assumed power;
 - (ii) what the names of those projects are;
 - (iii) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and number of families who benefit under each project, separately;
 - (iv) of the objectives of the projects; and
 - (v) what projects the Ministry intends to implement for the sake of people of the North Western Province who have been suffering due to scarcity of water?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2284/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
- (i) of the date that the examination to recruit graduates for grade 3(1) of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, was held in 2017;
 - (ii) whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid examination which was held on district basis with the intention of filling the vacancies available in national schools, was in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums;
 - (iii) Therefore, whether he accepts that the candidates were allowed to answer in any of the aforementioned languages;

(5)

- (iv) whether the candidates who answered in Sinhala had not been allowed to be qualified for English teaching posts;
 - (v) if so, whether there was any prior notice by way of the Gazette Notification by which the applications were called or otherwise, to the effect that the Sinhala medium question paper also should be answered in English medium;
 - (vi) whether he accepts the fact that an injustice has been caused for the candidates who answered in Sinhala medium in a backdrop that there had not been a prior notice to the effect that answering in Sinhala medium amounts to a disqualification for English teaching posts;
 - (vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard ?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No. 1),— That the proceedings on Item Nos. 1 to 23 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sittings from the provisions of the Standing Order No.7 of the Parliament and the motions agreed to by Parliament on 08.03.2016 and 15.11.2017.

2.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament (No. 2),— That the proceedings on Item No. 22 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order No. 23 of the Parliament.

3.

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 Parliament shall sit on Monday, December 11th, 2017 and the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.. At 10.30 a.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

4.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No. 2),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 9.30 a.m. on Monday, December 11th, 2017.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*a1.

Appropriation Bill (2018) — (Twenty Fourth Allotted Day) — Committee (Progress 08th December).

*2.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) read with Sections 12, 14 and 22 regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/51 of 28th July 2017, which was presented on 09.10.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 996)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/31 of 17th August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2021/7 of 30th May 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/7 of 06th June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2022/8 of 06th June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*7.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2025/44 of 30th June 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2028/44 of 19th July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2029/25 of 26th July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/10 of 31st July 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2030/20 of 01st August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.9),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/11 of 15th August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*13.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.10),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/24 of 16th August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.11),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2033/31 of 23rd August 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.12),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2035/28 of 08th September 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.13),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/2 of 02nd October 2017, which was presented on 07.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 18.11.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2031/49 of 11th August 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/34 of 09th November 2017, which was presented on 30.11.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1000)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2) ,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 2 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excisable Articles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/35 of 09th November 2017, which was presented on 30.11.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1001)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.3),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Excise Duty on raw materials used for production of Ethanol and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/36 of 09th November 2017, which was presented on 30.11.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1002)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.4),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2045/15 of 15th November 2017, rescinding the Excise Notification No. 981 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1943/16 dated 04th December 2015, which was presented on 30.11.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1003)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 08.12.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/31 of 09th November 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*26.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1),— 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 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/40 of 09th November 2017, which were presented on 29.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2),— 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 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2044/41 of 09th November 2017, which were presented on 29.11.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Revised Draft Standing Orders of Parliament,— Report of the Committee on Standing Orders in relation to the revised Draft of the Standing Orders of Parliament presented on Tuesday, 07th November 2017,— Consideration.

*29.

Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*32.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*33.

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

*34.

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

*35.

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 was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

36.

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

37.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

38.

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

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

International Women’s and Children’s Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill—
Second Reading.

43.

Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

44.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

a1.

For amendments in Committee on the Appropriation Bill (2018)—See separate Paper “Supplement to the Orders of the Day”.
