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FOR

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1187/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the Manner District—
 - (i) of the extent of agricultural land that was under cultivation by the year 1983;
 - (ii) of the extents of land cultivated in the years 1982 and 1983, separately in respect of each crop in each year;
 - (iii) of the total extent of cultivated land in each year after 1983 up until the end of the war situation in 2009, separately;
 - (iv) of the total extent of cultivated agricultural land after the end of the war situation up until now in each year, separately; and
 - (v) whether he will table a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1330/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);
 - (ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;
 - (iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;
 - (iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and
 - (v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?

(2)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt.) Ltd, the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1404/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money utilized in 2016 out of the allocation of Rs. 4000 million allocated to be used within three years for devising a target solution for the human-elephant conflict as per proposal No. 175 of the Budget 2016 and its progress?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the Ministries and institutions responsible for implementing the above budget proposal;
 - (ii) the number of deaths and damages to property owing to human-elephant conflict reported from 1977 up to now in relation to each year;
 - (iii) whether compensation was paid by the government to the parties of persons who died of the human-elephant conflict in each of the above years;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of compensation in relation to each year; and
 - (v) whether he explains the expected target solution for human-elephant conflict mentioned in the above budget proposal?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1473/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Regional Media Journalists' Organizations that display an active contribution to development drive of the country, which is in operation in the at present;
 - (ii) of the names of such media organizations and the journalists who are office-bearers in them; and
 - (iii) what steps have been taken to enhance their living conditions as well as advancement of professional career?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

5.

1497/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there is a need to digitalize cinema halls in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reason why the government is not intervening in the matter of digitalizing cinema halls in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1504/'17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) market prices of different types of fertilizers used for paddy cultivation and other crops during first half of year 2016 and now in the year 2017 separately;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that fertilizer prices have been increased in comparison to the fertilizer prices at the beginning of year 2016;
 - (iii) whether the price of a 50 kg fertilizer pack which was at Rs.1300/- at the beginning of year 2016 has gone up to Rs.2900/- by now;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that the public life depended on agriculture including plantations will face an immense setback if fertilizer prices are not controlled or the fertilizer subsidy is not increased in accordance with market prices; and
 - (v) if so, what the proposed solutions are?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1508/'17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the value of All Share Price Index by 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) from which percentage the All Share Price Index has changed by 31.12.2016 in comparison to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015; and
 - (iii) the value of net foreign purchases within the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

8.

1625/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) a large number of rural schools have faced the threat of closure as a result of the efforts taken to admit students to the popular schools within the school system in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of schools that have less than 50 students; and
 - (iii) the number mentioned in (ii) above in respect of each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kompitiya Vidyalaya in Godakawela Zone in Ambilipitiya Education Zone in the district of Rathnapura has been closed by now;
 - (ii) the Provincial Education Department or other relevant institutions have not been informed of the closure of this school;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the Principal, the Zonal and Divisional Directors of Education are responsible for the closure of the school and distribution of the goods that belong to the school at their discretion; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1631/'17

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total grants and loans received hitherto from the Asian Development Bank for the promotion of renewable energy;
 - (ii) separately, the year in which each such grant/loan was received and the amount so received; and
 - (iii) whether he is satisfied with the contribution made by each such loan/ grant for the promotion of renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

10.

1728/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the Mahapola (Higher Education) Trust Fund;
 - (ii) their appointing authority;
 - (iii) separately, the monies received by this Fund from the year 2010 to year 2017 and the funding sources year basis;
 - (iv) separately, the recurrent expenditure of the Mahapola (Higher Education) Trust Fund in respect of each year from the year 2010 to year 2017; and
 - (v) the payments made by the Mahapola (Higher Education) Trust Fund for granting scholarships and non-recurrent purposes separately in respect of each year and purpose from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1744/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in respect of each of the years —
 - (i) the amounts of foreign investments received in 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (ii) the amounts of foreign investments which had existed in the preceding years and have been removed?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1752/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether railway carriages belonging to Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been given for use of private institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, the duration, basis, given institutions and criteria in respect of such granting and the scheduled trains to which they are attached and the number of carriages attached to each such train, separately?

(6)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the moneys due towards the Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been obtained from the institutions to which these carriages have been granted;
 - (ii) what institutions are in arrear in payments; and
 - (iii) what amounts are due from the respective institutions, separately?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a loss has been caused to Department of Sri Lanka Railways due to this grant of the use of railway carriages;
 - (ii) if so, what the total loss is; and
 - (iii) whether he will take action to recover that loss to Department of Sri Lanka Railways expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1778/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the facts that will be taken into consideration when establishing the proposed new Local Authorities in the Putlam District; and
 - (ii) of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions that will come under the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1811/'17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of students studying in the Tamil Medium schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers teaching at Tamil medium schools; and
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies for Tamil medium teachers presently existing at schools?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) as to why action is not taken to give a training to those who have passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in the Tamil medium and recruit them as Tamil medium teachers;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to bring teachers from foreign countries in order to fill the vacancies currently existing in Sri Lanka for Tamil medium teachers; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he would admit that such action causes a great injustice for those who have completed higher studies in the Tamil medium?
 - (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.
The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Intellectual Property (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
2.
The Minister of Foreign Employment and Minister of Justice,— Trusts (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Trusts Ordinance (Chapter 87).
(Cabinet approval signified.)

Notice of Motions

3.
Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 1),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Sri Natha Ahasthana International Buddhist Meditation Centre Performance Society.”
4.
Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— Leave to introduce Bill (No. 2),— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—
“ Bill to incorporate the Nimal Rupasinghe Friendship Foundation.”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *2.
Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned debate on question. (11th December 2017) [1].
- *3.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned debate on question.(11th December 2017) [1].
- *4.
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.
- *5.
Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament,— That the final draft of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament relating to their conduct which was presented on Tuesday, 07th November 2017, be approved.

- *6.
Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *7.
Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *8.
Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *9.
Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *10.
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2032/36 of 18th August 2017, which was presented on 06.12.2017, be approved.
- *11.
The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of the Members of the National Education Commission,— Whereas the remuneration of Members of the Commission established by the National Education Commission Act, No. 19 of 1991 be determined by Parliament in terms of Section 4(8) of the Act;
And whereas, based on the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 14.11.2017, approval has been granted to revise the remuneration of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the allowances of members of the National Education Commission, as follows:—
- (i) Payment of monthly remuneration of Rs.75,000/- and Rs.60,000/- to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman respectively;
 - (ii) Payment of an allowance of Rs.6,000/- per meeting for the members of the Commission; and
 - (iii) Granting a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 225 liters to the Chairman and a monthly fuel allowance equal to the value of 170 liters to the Vice-Chairman in terms of the Public Administration Circular No. 13/2008 (iv).
- Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that the payment of the aforesaid remuneration to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the aforesaid allowances to the members of the National Education Commission be made and be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 4(8) of the National Education Commission Act, No.19 of 1991.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe has been appointed as the Auditor-General by the President with effect from 27.11.2015, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 05.12.2017 according to the Cabinet Memorandum of 14.11.2017 submitted by the President to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post placing on the 08th Salary Step of SL- 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL- 4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016; and
- (c) To pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

*13.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

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

*17.

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.”

18.

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

19.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”
