



[Eighth Parliament - First Session]

No. 249.]

ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

692/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people whose livelihood is brass industry are quitting the industry at present;
 - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market; and
 - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether brass products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting brass products in 2015;
 - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
 - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the brass industry; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1229/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Jaffna District;
 - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
 - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;

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- (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
 - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
 - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
 - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1425/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the actions taken to upgrade the export processing zones as per proposal No. 200 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) the progress of the export processing zones which are operating in our country at present;
 - (iii) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has intervened into commencing new export processing zones ;
 - (iv) the performance of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2000 up to 2016; and
 - (v) the directors of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1665/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the schools that are governed by the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the number of buildings that have been provided to the aforesaid schools out of the provisions allocated to the provincial council, by the present Chief minister of the Uva Province after his appointment;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the schools to which buildings have been provided;
 - (iv) of the names and addresses of the companies and the persons that have been entrusted with the aforesaid construction; and
 - (v) separately of the amount of money that has been spent by the provincial council on the aforesaid constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

2005/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Justice;
 - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to the year 2017?
- (b) Will she also inform this House, separately in respect of each Ministry—
 - (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2112/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Road Development Authority commenced the construction works of the bridge that is located in the main road that runs towards the village of Valluwarpannai, Utruppulam, in the Killinochchi District on 25th August 2016 under the 'programme to develop one thousand bridges';
 - (ii) the contract period of the aforesaid bridge ended on 21st May 2017; and
 - (iii) the construction works of the aforesaid bridge are yet to be completed?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether some action has been taken to complete the construction works of the aforesaid bridge; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the construction works of the aforesaid bridge will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2136/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the GCE (A/L) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts;

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- (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
 - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
 - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2152/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of kilometres of roads coming under the purview of the Road Development Authority of the North Western Province in relation to each district separately;
 - (ii) of that number, according to the grading of the Provincial Road Development Authority;
 - (iii) the number of roads in the Puttalam district coming under the purview of the Road Development Authority of the North Western Province which were carpeted in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 in relation to each year separately;
 - (iv) the sources that funded for the development and maintenance of roads coming under the Road Development Authority of the North Western Province; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent to develop the provincial roads in the Puttalam district in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 in relation to each source, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2183/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, in descending order, the number of foreign tours made by each Member of Parliament, including those accompanying the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Ministers, from 1st September 2015 to 31st July 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2293/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in Ratnapura District , which comes under the purview of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) whether there are schools that were commenced anew since the present Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province took his office;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the aforesaid schools along with the number of teachers who are employed and the number of students who study in those schools at present, separately;
 - (v) whether there are schools that were closed down in the district since the present Chief Minister of Sabaragamuwa Province took his office;
 - (vi) if so, the names of the aforesaid schools; and
 - (vii) the action taken by the Ministry to utilize the resources of the schools that have been closed down ?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2325/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of irrigation systems located in Matale district of the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families benefitted from each aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of acres of lands cultivated with the help of each irrigation system; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the Central Provincial Council for the development of irrigation systems of Matale district, from year 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2340/17

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the name of the present chairman of the Ceylon Fertilizers Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the educational qualifications in respect of aforesaid post;
 - (iii) whether the present chairman has accomplished other professional qualifications other than the qualifications that are pertinent for aforesaid post;

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- (iv) if so, as to what they are;
- (v) the number of members in the board of directors of the Ceylon Fertilizers Company Ltd;
- (vi) the names and addresses of the members of the director board; and
- (vii) separately, of the salaries and the allowances that the chairman and the board of directors receive?

(b) If not, why?

13.

2369/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether Minister Sarath Fonseka even at present attached to Sri Lanka Army in the capacity of a Field Marshal;
- (ii) of the type of activities relating to military affairs in which he can be involved;
- (iii) of the nature the functions that he can carry out wearing his uniform;
- (iv) of the powers that is granted to him or that can be given to him in military affairs;
- (v) whether he has the right to hold the membership of Parliament while being a military officer; and
- (vi) whether he has the right to hold a ministerial portfolio while being a military officer?

(b) If not, why?

14.

2397/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Thalassemia patients reported from Kurunegala District from the year 2010 to date ;
- (ii) of the Divisional Secretariat divisions from which the said patients have been reported;
- (iii) of the hospitals where treatments for Thalassemia patients are available within the North Western Province;
- (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to extend the Thalassemia treatment facilities to other hospitals as well;
- (v) whether an Operation Theatre and a gene bank is located in the Kurunegala District to facilitate the Thalassemia patients; and
- (vi) of the steps taken by the Ministry to provide the treatments and medical facilities required by these patients?

(b) If not, why?

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2463/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road that runs alongside the Yoda ela that takes water from Kala wewa to Thisawewa belongs to the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment; and
 - (ii) this road, which is used by residents of 6 villages, is in a very dilapidated condition owing to not repairing it for nearly 30 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not repairing this road up to now; and
 - (ii) the date on which this road will be repaired?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution to revise the Salaries and Allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts,— Whereas the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be determined by Parliament, in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 20.02.2018 according to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 17.02.2018 submitted by the President, to revise the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts with effect from 01.01.2018 as follows :—

- (a) To revise the salaries of the Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal as set out in the Management Services Circular No. 3/2017 as mentioned in the document prepared by the Salaries and Cadre Commission and appended as Annexe I, with effect from 01.01.2018 and salary conversion to be effected on step by step basis;
- (b) To increase the pensionable allowance of 25% of the salary hitherto paid, up to 50% with effect from 01.01.2018 and to calculate the said allowance on the basis of the salary step of the newly revised salary; and
- (c) To pay a monthly professional allowance of Rs.150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable allowance of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the salaries and allowances of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Superior Courts be revised as aforementioned in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Annex - I

The salary scales to be made applicable to Hon. Chief Justice and Judges of the Superior Courts effective 01.01.2018

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Salary Code			JS 3-2016	JS 4-2016	JS 5-2016
1	2	3	4	4	4
			8,780	7,000	7,800
			5	5	5
1			136,000	140,000	150,000
2			141,750	147,000	157,500
3			148,500	154,000	165,000
4			155,250	161,000	172,500
5			162,000	168,000	180,000
6			168,750	175,000	187,500

* To increase up to 50% effective 01.01.2018 the pensionable allowance which is hitherto paid as 25% of the salary and calculation of the said allowance based on the salary point of this new salary.

** Payment of a professional allowance of Rs. 150,000/- per month which is reckoned for pension purposes in place of the special non-pensionable of Rs. 15,000/- per month which was paid.

*2.

Active Liability Management Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— 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. 2044/32 of 09th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— 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. 2045/32 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— 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. 2045/33 of 15th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4),— 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. 2046/14 of 22nd November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.5),— 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. 2047/25 of 28th November 2017, which was presented on 22.02.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*9.

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

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Report of the Delimitation Committee for the Delimitation of Electorates in Provincial Councils,— That the Report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister by the said Committee in terms of the Section 3A.(11) of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 as amended by the Act, No.17 of 2017, which was presented on 06.03.2018, be approved.

*14.

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.

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution for Ratification by Sri Lanka of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Phase down of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC),— Whereas the Montreal Protocol which aims at reducing the global warming has on four occasions introduced amendments viz. London Amendment-1990, Copenhagen Amendment -1992, Montreal Amendment -1997, and Beijing Amendment -1999 with a view to realizing various objectives and Sri Lanka has complied with those amendments within the specified time frames;

And whereas the Kigali Amendment has been introduced as the revision of the year 2016, which can eliminate the amount of Carbondioxide, equivalent to 100 billion tons by 2050 by eliminating global warming by 0.5 °C.

And Whereas in terms of Article 33 (2) (h) of the Constitution the President shall have the power to do all such acts and things, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or written law, as by international law, custom or usage the President is authorized or required to do and as such it is the absolute authority of the President to give consent to comply with the Kigali Amendment;

And whereas in terms of Article 33 A of the Constitution, the President shall be responsible to Parliament for the due exercise, performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law, including the law for the time being relating to public security;

And whereas the Cabinet decision dated 10th October 2017 on the Cabinet Memorandum dated 29th September 2017 submitted by the President in his capacity as the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment has granted approval to comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka may comply with the Kigali Amendment which is the latest Amendment to the Montreal Protocol: HFC Phase-down as a resolution of H.E. the President in terms of Article 33A of the Constitution.

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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

*18.

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

*19.

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

*20.

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.”

21.

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

22.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
