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FOR

Thursday, April 05, 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1233/16

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 Mullaitivu 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;
 - (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?

2.

1426/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a list of the enterprises commenced in year 2016 in accordance with the massive tax amnesty granted for the enterprises to be commenced in regressive areas that make an investment of 10 million US Dollars or generate 500 new employment opportunities as recommended from the proposal No. 202 of the 2016 budget will be submitted;

(2)

- (ii) the regressive areas identified when presenting the aforesaid proposal;
- (iii) the measures taken by the government up to now from year 2000, when developing infrastructure facilities of aforesaid regressive areas; and
- (iv) it is admitted that industries cannot be expanded to regressive areas, without massive development of infrastructure facilities?

(b) If not, why?

3.

1740/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, in terms of each year, of the number of elephants died by reason of human – elephant conflicts from the year 2010 to 2014;
- (ii) of the locations where the elephants died;
- (iii) of the number of elephants died, got injured and got into critical conditions; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to minimize the number of elephant deaths and human elephant conflicts, under present good governance government?

(b) If not why?

4.

2043/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the State Minister of Mahaweli Development;
- (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 he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the State Minister;
- (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
- (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the State Minister?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

2117/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) despite the fact that the people of Veditaithakal village of Vavuniya North Divisional Secretariat Division, who were displaced due to war in 1985, have been permitted to settle in the same village, they live in various areas undergoing various hardships as no basic facility has been provided;
- (ii) by reason of the absence of basic facilities including housing and transport and due to the threats of wild elephants, the people are not in a position to settle in aforesaid village;
- (iii) the school which had been renovated under the financial assistance of India as well, has been abandoned; and
- (iv) only 09 families live in neighboring village, Kovil Puliyankulam since no basic facilities are available and the school is also used as a storehouse?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to develop infrastructure and basic facilities of aforesaid villages and to resettle the people; and
- (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?

(c) If not, why?

6.

2139/17

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 G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Matale, Nuwara-Eliya and Kandy districts;
- (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?

(4)

7.

2186/'17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House, of —

- (i) the names;
- (ii) educational qualifications;
- (iii) professional qualifications;
- (iv) salaries and allowances;
- (v) facilities for the staff; and
- (vi) other facilities including vehicles;

of the advisors, coordinators and project directors recruited to the Lanka Mineral Sands Ltd., during the period of 18.09.2015 to 31.07.2017?

(b) If not, why?

8.

2229/'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 Departments, Ministries and other Statutory bodies coming under the present Chief Minister of the North Western province;
- (ii) the names and addresses of each of those institutions;
- (iii) the number of employees recruited to institutions coming under the purview of the Chief Minister of the North Western Province, after the present government of good governance came to power;
- (iv) the names of the employees recruited and the posts to which they were recruited, separately; and
- (v) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to recruit those employees?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2343/'17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total length of the Southern Expressway;
- (ii) of the estimated cost for the construction of the Southern Expressway;
- (iii) of the number of those who lost their lands and other property due to the construction of the aforesaid expressway;

(5)

- (iv) whether due compensation has been paid to those people as at present; and
- (v) if so, of the total amount of money that has been paid as compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the total income that the government generated from the Southern Expressway in years 2015, 2016 and up to now in year 2017; and
 - (ii) of the total amount that was allocated on repairs of the Southern Expressway in the aforesaid years?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

2344/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a mechanism to obtain the knowledge and skills of the students who have successfully completed the first degree and postgraduate courses in international relations conducted by the Universities of Colombo and Kelaniya for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, since they have undergone an in-depth study of the subject for three to four years;
 - (ii) whether the students who successfully completed those courses have been recruited to your Ministry following the present Good Governance government came into power and whether information about them will be provided; and
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to prepare a suitable mechanism to recruit those graduates to your Ministry in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2402/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of deaths that occurred due to the unsafe use of agro chemicals in cultivations in the district of Kurunegala from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which such deaths have been reported; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to raise awareness among people about the use of agro chemicals?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

2434/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families whose lands and property would be lost as a result of the development of Wadduwa-Moronthuduwa road of Kalutara District from Wadduwa junction to Moronthuduwa junction;
 - (ii) of their names, addresses, extent of land dispossessed and the nature of property;
 - (iii) whether the said lands and property have been by now assessed in order to compensate the said families; and
 - (iv) if so, of the number of families proposed to be compensated, their names, addresses and the amount of compensation to be paid?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2436/'17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Prime Minister has stated that the students residing in areas affected by recent floods can sit the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination four times;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the Department of Examination - Sri Lanka has not received any instructions pertaining to it nevertheless; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he will take action to send such instructions to the Department of Examination - Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2461/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the bus stand in Kekirawa has not been renovated methodically since the year 1977 and that it is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) people are greatly inconvenienced as a result and that manoeuvring buses inside this bus stop too has become very difficult?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken in future to renovate this bus stop in future; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— National Defence Fund (Amendment),— Bill to amend the National Defence Fund Act, No. 9 of 1985.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

2.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Pradeshiya Sabhas Act, No. 15 of 1987.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 8, 14 and 30 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Fees) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/6 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 143 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Expressway) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/8 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 215A of the aforesaid Act relating to spot fine Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/9 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

*4.

Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*6.

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

*7.

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

*8.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

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 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2051/38 of 29th December 2017 amending the order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1867/5 of 16th June 2014, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/59 of 15th December 2017 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2062/47 of 16th March 2018, which was presented on 23.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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.

*13.

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.

*14.

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.)

*15.

Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

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.”

19.

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

20.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

* *Indicates Government Business.*
