

(Eighth Parliament - Second Session)

No. 11.]

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ORDER PAPER OF PARLIAMENT

FOR

Thursday, June 07, 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of electricity that was generated using solar power and was added to the national grid as at 06.09.2017;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that employees of Ceylon Electricity Board are taking measures to discourage installations that are made for generating electricity using solar power; and
 - (iii) of the nature of steps that have been taken by the Ministry to raise awareness among employees of Ceylon Electricity Board about "Surya Bala Sangramaya" project?
- (b) If not, why?
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17/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Lanka CWE branches in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the addresses of those branches;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and posts of persons recruited from the year 2010 up to now for the said CWE branches;
 - (iv) the method adopted for the said recruitment; and
 - (v) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to expand the Lanka CWE network in the Kandy District?
- (b) If not, why?

36/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in terms of the proposal No. 169 of the Budget 2016, whether an expenditure record will be submitted regarding the manner in which Rs. 5 Million allocated for the researches on cinnamon and related researches, was spent;
 - (ii) of the number of researches performed with state financial allocations in 2016, of the names of the researchers who conducted aforesaid researches and of a performance report on the output; and
 - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred in Sess tax revenue in 2016, by reason of the Sess tax removal on spice (Pepper, Clove and Nutmeg) Exports?
- (b) If not, why?

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130/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of schools functioning in the Matale District under the central provincial council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) out of those schools, of the number of those that are currently functioning under acting principals and of the names of such schools;
 - (iv) separately, on per Education Region basis, of the total number of teacher vacancies currently existing in the District; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies existing for principals and teachers in the Matale District?
- (b) If not, why?
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157/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(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 Puttalam and Kurunegala 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?

192/'18

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - the Kurinjakkerny bridge in Kinniya area got destroyed owing to severe floods which occurred in Trincomalee District in December, 2014; and
 - (ii) this bridge has not hitherto been completely reconstructed but was only subjected a temporary reconstruction?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that were taken by the Ministry of Disaster Management for the reconstruction of this bridge which is utilized by a large number of people daily;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not reconstructing this bridge up to now; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to reconstruct this bridge expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

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194/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - 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?

215/'18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 150 families displaced due to the previous war situation have been living in Punthottam Welfare Camp in Vavuniya for 25 years; and
 - (ii) construction of Houses for these families is done in two areas as 68 houses in Sinna Adampan, Nedunkerni and 82 houses in Puliyankulama by "Lyca Gnanam Charity" while it has been informed by the District Secretariat Division of Vavuniya that these 150 families would be resettled in Sinna Adampan, Nedunkerni?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the said people have been resettled in the said 150 houses; and
 - (ii) if so, since when?
- (c) If not, why?

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309/'18

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there was an institution called "Lanka Transformers" under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether its name has been changed;
 - (iii) if so, name of it at present;
 - (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings (pvt) Ltd. have been distributed;
 - (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust);
 - (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted; and
 - (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the Employee Trust Agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
 - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd. as mentioned in the COPE report; and
 - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

391/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium schools in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of primary and secondary schools out of those schools;
 - (iii) out of those schools, the number of schools that belongs to the central government;
 - (iv) the names of those schools; and
 - (v) the number of students who study in Tamil medium?
- (b) Will he also inform this House-
 - (i) separately, the number of students who passed the year 5 Scholarship Examination and the number of students who failed that examination from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE (O/L) Examination and the GCE (A/L) Examination and the number of students who failed those examinations from 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) the number of students who qualified to study engineering and medicine in universities from 2010 up to now; and
 - (iv) the percentage of the students who passed and the percentage of the students who failed the examinations in Sinhala and Tamil medium?

(c) If not, why?

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406/'18

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,-To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,-(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - whether surveying the lands that are coming under the Girihandu Seya sacred site in Thiriyaya of Trincomalee district, has been concluded;
 - (ii) if so, whether survey marks have been placed on the surveyed land;

- (iii) of the extent of land that is coming under the sacred site; and
- (iv) of the reasons led for the delay in handing over respective plans to the Ministry of Buddhasasana?
- (b) If not, why?

408/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Trincomalee District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are supplied with clean drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for the supply of drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation up until the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether he will Table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

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422/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) about 100 acres of paddy land from the areas of Dhathusenapura, Kalawewa, Maha Akkaraya Watta and Kelaniwatta have been leased to a plantation company of Kurunegala; and
 - (ii) the Divisional Secretary of Ipalogama has informed the Ministry of Lands that the said lands must be freed from the aforementioned plantation company and handed over to the tenant farmers, giving them freehold ownership of these lands since the tenant farmers have been engaging in cultivation activities on land for a long period of time?

- (b) Will he inform this House
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grant freehold ownership of the said lands to the tenant farmers who have been cultivating them; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

438/'18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) of the number of trained and untrained Sri Lankans employed abroad as at 31.03.2017 on the basis of their country of employment, gender and on the classification of professions separately; and
 - (ii) the number of those trained and untrained employees in relation to each district and ethnicities such as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and others separately?

(b) If not, why?

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472/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the disclosure about the distribution of school bags by the Ministry of Education of Uva Province, given under paragraph number 04 (b) (i) to (vii) of the investigation report bearing number SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 and dated 2017.04.20 sent to the Chief Secretary of Uva Province by the Auditor-General on the malpractices that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council, will be submitted to the House;
 - (ii) whether the observations made from (b) (i) to (v) pertaining to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 8 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.06.2018, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 1.30 p.m. Standing Order No. 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

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 32(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/41 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

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 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/42 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notifications under the Excise Ordinance (No.3),— That the Notifications made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Sections 2 and 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/9 of 23rd January 2018, which were presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notifications Nos. 05/2018 and 06/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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 Sections 2, 12, 22 and 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding on Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2059/32 of 21st February 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 07/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

National Defence Fund (Amendment) Bill-Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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.)

*7.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade ,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) 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 relating to Imports and Exports Control (Standardization and Quality Control) regulations 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2064/34 of 29th March 2018, which were presented on 09.05.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Registration and Licensing of Medicines (fees) Regulations No. 2 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2052/33 of 05th January 2018, which were presented on 03.04.2018, be approved.

*9.

National Audit Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*10.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee. *11. Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

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

*13.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading. (Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

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

*18.

1990 Suwaseriya Foundation Bill — Second Reading (Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

Land (Restrictions on Alienation) (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading (Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank (2016),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of People's Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 16.11.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law 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 06.03.2018)

*21.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.11.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 06.03.2018)

*22.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon (2016),— That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank of Ceylon together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 04.12.2017 under Section 35(3) of Monetary Law 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 06.03.2018)

*23.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Regional Development Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 07.11.2017 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 06.03.2018)

*24.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 23.06.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 21.09.2017)

*25.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank (2015),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of State Mortgage & Investment Bank together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 11.11.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 06.03.2018)

*26.

The Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy City Development,— Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Savings Bank (2014),— That the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Savings Bank together with the observations of the Independent Auditors for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 08.08.2017 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 21.09.2017)

*27.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2012),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2012 and presented on 19.10.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 10.11.2017)

*28.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018)

*29.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 07.12.2017 under Section 31 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.03.2018)

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*30.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts - Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.10.2017 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development on 20.02.2018)

*31.

The Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,— 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.

*32.

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.

*33.

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.)

*34.

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

*35.

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

*36.

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."

37.

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

38.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 40.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 41.

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

42.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading. 43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

* Indicates Government Business.